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System Design, Planning and Control for Autonomous Driving



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ABSTRACT:

The system design of an autonomous vehicle encompasses numerous different interconnected sensing and control algorithms that can be devised in several ways, and the system has to be extensively tested and verified before employed on roads. This talk gives an overview of the system design, implementation, and testing of the control stack in autonomous vehicles, based on our research over the last decade on guidance and control. We describe a modular approach, which allows to exploit different timescales, apply most suitable algorithm to each subproblem, and update the system without full redesign. However, a modular approach needs integration between different control layers. We discuss some of the key methods we have developed for supporting autonomous driving in this modular architecture and show some of our validations in experimental testbeds.

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